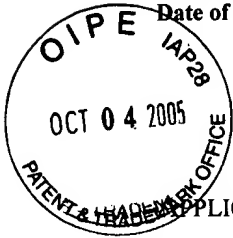


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APPLICANT: Nobuko Uchida  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/890,539 EXAMINER : Robert Clinton Hayes  
FILING DATE: December 13, 2001 ART UNIT : 1647  
FOR: USE OF COLLAGENASE IN THE PREPARATION OF NEURAL  
STEM CELL CULTURES

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 8, 2005. Check No. 21231 in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17810-509 NATL. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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